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1. SHORIKI Matsutaro recently offered KONO Hamboku ¥400,000,000 if KONO could secure the Premiership for SHORIKI. KONO's response was jocular, to the effect that SHORIKI should give him the money first and then he would consider the matter.
2. SHORIKI's appointment as State Minister in charge of atomic affairs was made on the understanding that SHORIKI would have Yomiuri Shimbun support the MATSUWADA Ichiro administration.
1. Field Comment. See FJT-899 from a different source, which states that, although SHORIKI's ultimate goal is the Premiership, he is currently attempting, through KONO Ichiro, to become Secretary-General of the Liberal-Democratic Party.

Source Comment. It is generally considered that SHORIKI is now more wealthy than KONO.

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